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**RESOLUTION BY THE QUINCY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGARDING THE EXHAUSTION OF PHONE NUMBERS IN THE 217 AREA CODE**

WHEREAS The Quincy Area Chamber of Commerce represents 557 businesses and more than 20,000 part-time and full-time employees in Quincy, Illinois; and

WHEREAS sixty-five percent of the respondents to a December 2001 Chamber survey regarding the exhaustion of phone numbers in the 217 area code preferred a geographic split rather than an overlay system to solve the problem; and

WHEREAS the Quincy community has observed a similar situation in Northeast Missouri, where residents have been satisfied with a geographical split; and

WHEREAS our business community does a majority of its business with local clients and does not wish to dial 10 digits for each phone call;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Quincy Area Chamber of Commerce endorses a geographical split of the 217 area code when all numbers are exhausted and asks the commission to retain the 217 area code to the Quincy area.

Approved unanimously
by the Quincy Area Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors
April 21, 2004

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From: BRENDA J. RICE [goldenvw1@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 04, 2004 11:33 AM
To: bbensko@icc.state.il.us
Subject: new area code

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Mr. Bensko,

I have recently read the article about the area code situation in the Champaign News Gazette. I wish to send you my opinion.

The overlay idea is the stupidest thing I have ever heard of. I can not imagine the headaches such a system would cause. A person would have a very hard time keeping up with who had what area code attached to their phone number.

I do appreciate the inconvenience it would cause business AND private users of the phone to change the area code but in the long run it would be much easier.

Isn't a situation like this just the cost of doing business. I am sure there are alot more private phone numbers than business and to cater to the minority does not seem correct.

Like the article says Chicago has added area codes. If memory serves me correctly the change to the new area code took a year and if you dialed a number in the new area code a message came on the line that told you the area code was changing and to make a note of it.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Brenda J. Rice

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From: b-nelson@uiuc.edu
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2004 2:48 PM
To: bbensko@icc.state.il.us
Subject: Area Code Changes

I would be in favor of Champaign-Urbana remaining 217. I don't really see anything wrong with the overlay especially if it means that all the incoming student phones are the new number. It would be a hardship for the businesses to have to redo their stationery and business cards.

In FL they split Naples into a different area code from Ft. Myers, two larger cities and it works fine but splitting N to S was not an option listed in the article.

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From: Scott Schingel [sschingel@insightbb.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2004 9:37 PM
To: bbensko@icc.state.il.us
Subject: 217 Area Code

Dear Mr. Bensko,

I have a simple solution to the Area Code problem. Since the problem is with the proliferation of mobile devices, keep the land lines at the 217 Area Code, and move all the mobile devices to a new Area Code.

I don't know why mobile devices haven't had their own Area Code anyway. For instance, we share 3 mobile phones on a "Family Plan". We live in Urbana, IL and my son attends school at SIU in Carbondale. His roommates are from Chicago, Rockford, and Glenview. All 4 of them have a different Area Code on their cell phone, and none of them are 618 (the local Area Code for Carbondale). So to call a roommate they have to dial 10 digits anyway. If mobile devices had been set up with their own Area Codes in the first place, we may not even have the problems you're dealing with now.

Just my 2 cents....

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From: Diane & Ed Wilhite [dianeed@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2004 8:56 AM
To: bbensko@icc.state.il.us
Subject: Area Codes

I have lived in Chmapaign for 27 years and in area code 217 for almost ½ century, but put me down for splitting the territory and giving us a new area code. The overlay "solution" seems to be a needless mess - at least until we just go to 10-12 digit phone numbers that stay with us for life and the concept of area code is obsolete.

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From: DEENA001@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2004 7:05 PM
To: bbensko@icc.state.il.us.
Subject: area code idea

Obviously it is the added cell phones that have caused this problem, so how about change the area code for those. I am not familiar with the system but I think it should be possible. It seems like that would be an easy across the board change that shouldn't cause as many problems. Keep all regular phones (land lines) at the 217 area code, thus not adding costs to businesses or households. Give existing cell phones and new cell phones the new area code, that is the largest demand for new numbers. It would be pretty easy for people to remember and less confusing of a change. There should be a six month waiting period before the old numbers are reassigned within the 217 area code, so those numbers can be forwarded and the public gets used to the change.

Thanks, hope this helps.

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